## Exhibit 6D

**Excerpts from Deposition of Kenneth Buckfire** 

## In The Matter Of:

City of Detroit

Kenneth Buckfire August 29, 2013



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## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN SOUTHERN DIVISION In Re: CITY OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN Chapter 9 Case No.13-53846 Debtor. Hon. Steven Rhodes The Video Deposition of KENNETH BUCKFIRE, Taken at 1114 Washington Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan, Commencing at 9:31 a.m., Thursday, August 29, 2013, Before Nora Morrissy, RMR, CRR, CSR-2642.

sometimes you will anticipate probably where I'm going with the question or think that you anticipate, I would ask that you to make the transcript clearer, I will ask that you wait until I complete the question before you begin your answer.

- A. Thank you.
- Q. Before you is what's been premarked as Deposition

  Exhibit 1, and I assume you have seen this document before, is that correct?
- A. No.

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Q. No. Okay. And it is the notice of deposition that was issued that we are proceeding under today. I'd like to discuss initially with you the topics about which you plan to testify at the hearing on the motion to assume the forbearance and optional termination agreement and prove the settlement therein.

Do you have in mind the topics that you intend to testify at the hearing?

- A. Yes.
- Q. And can you provide those to me?
- A. The reason and purpose of the negotiation with the Swap counterparties and the results thereof as determined in the forbearance agreement itself, the financial condition of the City that led us to believe that this agreement was necessary to rehabilitate the

- City. Prepared to testify to the general condition of the City's financials leading up to the execution of the forbearance agreement.
  - Q. Are there any other topics that you intend to testify at the hearing concerning the forbearance agreement?
  - A. I'll testify at that point to the status of the DIP form process that will provide the financing to execute the City's option under the forbearance agreement to retire the Swaps.
- 10 Q. Are there any other topics that you have not mentioned in your answers that you intend to testify about?
  - A. I'm sure there will be other things but I can't recall at this time what they might be.
  - Q. Mr. Buckfire, what is your position with Miller Buckfire?
- 16 A. Co-founder and co-president of Miller
  17 Buckfire & Company.

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- Q. Miller Buckfire currently is employed as the financial advisor to the City of Detroit, correct?
- As the investment banker to the City, that's correct.
- Q. And when was Miller Buckfire first engaged by the City as investment banker?
- A. We were first engaged in July of 2012 for a 60-day
  review of the City's financial condition. We were
  re-engaged on January 8th of this year to continue to

advise the City on its financial condition and financial alternatives. Both were -- were hired pursuant to an RFP process to which we submitted a proposal.

- Q. When you were hired in July 2012, can you describe the scope of services that Miller Buckfire was engaged to provide?
- A. As I mentioned earlier, we were engaged to do a general financial review of the City's financial condition particularly with respect to its ability to service its debt obligations.
- Q. Were there specific tasks that you were asked to perform in connection with doing a general financial review of the debt obligations?
- A. No, we were engaged to do a general financial review and advise the mayor and the chief financial officer as to what those financial conditions implied for the City's ability to operate in the ordinary course.
- Q. That engagement began in July 2012 is what you testified to, is that correct?
- 21 A. Correct, and ended on August 31st.
- Q. Very good. I would point out that I would ask you to wait until I ask the question, though.

Miller Buckfire was then re-engaged on January 8th of 2013, is that correct?